
ANNUAL REPORT

(2015-16)

BOLPUR MANAB JAMIN

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Our Mission

Mission of Bolpur Manab Jamin is to actively serve vulnerable communities specially women, girls, children, disables, senior citizens, indigenous people with encouraging innovations for developing collective and inclusive social change in West Bengal .

Our Vision

Bolpur Manab Jamin envisages a society where people cooperates, empathies, trusts and become sustainable to protect social, economical and cultural interest of every living being and environment.

From the desk of Secretary:

Did we help the community?

After every small step taken towards development processes either it be community meeting or observance of important day or implementation of a project, the big question knocks into our mind. But certainly there are long-term impacts of some programmes that we implemented today.

We are very happy to see the glitters into the eyes of the children taking the nutritious food in the village centers.

We are happy to see the faces of the farmers seeing their pulse field and the seed growers taking their part of profit after selling their lentil seed to Farmers Club and Bolpur Manab Jamin.

We are also very happy to see the satisfied expressions of the mother and the father of an un-well child after getting treatment at no cost.

The smiling face of the Donors, when their project has been implemented successfully gives us a feeling that we are flying high into the sky.

The appreciations and small gesture of thanks giving toward our team makes us happy and help us forget the scorching heat, the high voltage thunderstorm, the quivering wintry weather and many more odd situations we have to face during field works.

And this feeling gives us an immense power to continue our development process.

We are very happy to draw an overview through our Annual Report of our activities done in the year 2015-16.

Let's work together to ensure development in our households, workplaces, schools, institutions, and community.

Secretary

Bolpur Manab Jamin

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE



LATE SUNANDA MUKHOPADHYAY

Born: 18th July 1939 Passed Away: 2nd January 2016

“Death is not extinguishing the light; it is only putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.”

~ Rabindranath Tagore

Sunanda Mukhopadhyay or we can say our beloved Sunandadi was one of the kindest, most caring people we knew, and always went out of her way to help friends, neighbours and society. She used to watch over our programmes especially Education Support for tribal students who are very much needy. We have many cherished memories of Sunandadi and will always remember her ready smile and open heart. Bolpur Manab Jamin extends its condolences with affection and deep sympathy to her Sons and the rest of her family.

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE



LATE GOPAL CHANDRA DE

Born: 18th April 1948 Passed Away: 10th May 2016

“Though nothing can bring back the hour of splendor in the grass, of glory in the flower, we will grieve not; rather find strength in what remains behind.” ~ William Wordsworth

Bolpur Manab Jamin offers deepest condolences on the recent passing of our Societies Advisory Prof. Dr. Gopal Chandra De. To say Prof. De was a larger than life character would be an understatement. He will always be remembered as an immense activist. His on the field experience and proficiency were only surpassed by his incredible positive influence and enthusiasm for life. May God bless and comfort his family.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Bolpur Manab Jamin would like to express special thanks of gratitude to all the Government Departments, Banks, local youth clubs and their leaders, Eco Group members, villagers for their support.

We have taken efforts for different projects. However, it would not have been possible without the kind support and help of Shining Eyes, Germany; International Center for Agricultural research in Dryland Areas (ICARDA); Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi, Institute of Agriculture, Palli Shiksha Bhavana, Visva Bharati, National Child Labour Project of Birbhum District, Asst. Labour Commissioner Office, Bolpur; Consumer Affairs and Fair Business Practices, Regional Office, Birbhum; Central Board for Workers' Education, Asansol and many individuals and organizations. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of them.

We would also like to express our gratitude towards Sri Chandranath Sinha (Minister of Fisheries, Govt. of West Bengal), Sri Bikas Roy Choudhury (Sabhadhipati, Birbhum Zilla Parishad), Dr. Monika Golembiewski, Dr. Ashutosh Sarker, Dr. Kuhu Chatterjee, Dr. Brajesh Jha, Dr. Thiagu Ranganathan, Dr. Ram Ranjan, Society for Equitable Voluntary Actions, AHIMSA Trust and PRI representatives for their kind co-operation and encouragement which help us in completion of different projects.

Bolpur Manab Jamin is thankful to all the well wishers, visitors and guest who enriched the programmes of ours time to time.

INTRODUCTION

Bolpur Manab Jamin, a Non-Governmental Organization was established with the motivation to take an active role in the civil society development through different programme keeping in mind sustainable development concept.

It is situated in a dry zone area that has Laterite soil and Vindhya Alluvial soil. The area has mono cropping with rice, which is entirely rain fed. The project area is near Santiniketan about 161 km from Kolkata; however, the area is underdeveloped and has a large population of landless farmers. It is Schedule Tribe and Schedule Caste majority area.

We are dedicated towards different programme like sustainable agriculture, upliftment nutritional status, environmental protection, education support, right based approach, skill development training, etc. which will strengthen sustainable future and lead towards social and economic improvements of the social communities at national level. In order to achieve this, BMJ is committed to work with different range of stakeholders in order to foster cooperation and joint work for the purpose of achieving sustainable future.

As a result of our continued intervention there are 1200+ FARMERS engaged in pulse cultivation, 300+ FARMERS have formed Farmers' Club, 250 CHILDREN are being provided nutritious food and nearly 800 CHILDREN & MOTHER are getting health checkup facilities & medicine free of cost.

Presently BMJ is working at 51 villages of 5 Blocks (Bolpur-Sriniketan Block, Dubrajpur Block, Khoyrasole Block, Illambazar Block and Mayureswar 1 Block).

Programme Objectives:

- *To improve Food Security*
- *To upgrade the Nutritional Status of families*
- *To reduce school dropout*
- *Improve financial inclusion*
- *Involve more people in Income Generation Schemes.*
- *Increase environmental awareness*

ON GOING PROGRAMMES:

Pulse Seed Production cum Demonstration Programme

Bolpur Manab Jamin (BMJ) with the support of International Centre for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA) focused on training, information dissemination, technical and financial assistance for rural sharecropper and marginal farmers to cultivate Lentil for generating alternative income based on market economy & marketing, combat malnutrition and to improve soil fertility. Apart from increasing the production and productivity of Lentil by the participating farmers another purpose is to inspire other farmers in the adjoining areas to accept these technologies for the betterment of development and sustainability.

Increasing food legumes productions by small farmers to strengthen food and nutrition security through adoption of improved technologies and governance within South-South cooperation are the main aims of the programme.

The impacts will be:

- *Increase in Lentil production*
- *Increase in household income*
- *Increase in cropping intensity*
- *Increase in Legumes consumption*
- *Combat Malnutrition*
- *Increase soil fertility*

This year Bolpur Manab Jamin with the technical support of Visva Bharati Universtiy provided training to the farmers of 28 **villages** regarding Lentil cultivation before harvesting of paddy. **476 farmers** participated in this programme. **2556 kg** of special Variety certified seeds had been distributed. Each farmer got special variety of Foundation and Certified Seeds of Lentil (Subrata, Moitree, Ranjan) to demonstrate this programme. **Average Yield Record of this year: Bolpur-Sriniketan Block 940 kg/ha., Illambazar Block 915 kg/ha. & Nanoor Block 975 kg/ha.**

Activities done by Bolpur Manab Jamin in the year 2015-16 includes both men and women farmers who are enriched by the programme. There are 5 nos. of training programme where 143 beneficiaries participated, 5 nos. of Farmers Field Day where 70 farmers participated and 6 Awareness Programme which includes 172 beneficiaries.

To enhance the knowledge of the farmers and develop their sense of sowing seed according to the soil character this year we have tested 200 soil samples from different fields. The soil samples have been done at Samhita Krishi Kendra, Bankura. The outcomes and recommendation have been distributed to the respective farmers which may be beneficial for them in near future.

Sesame cultivation programme

Sesame seed is one of the oldest oilseed crops known, domesticated well over 3000 years ago. Sesame has many species, most being wild and native to sub-Saharan Africa. *Sesame indicum*, the cultivated type, originated in India and is tolerant to drought-like conditions, growing where other crops fail. Sesame seeds are extremely beneficial for health, but are often overlooked, and they include the ability to prevent many kinds of diseases.

This year we have distributed 50 kg of Sesame seeds to the 50 farmers of 10 villages. The variety were Rama (20 kg) and Tilottama (30 kg).

Skill upgradation & Technology transfer

Bolpur Manab Jamin organize different agricultural training for the skill upgradation of farmers along with technology transfer. The trainings are provided mainly to the members of Farmers' Club, youth leader and lead farmers. This year training was given on the subjects of Sri Method of paddy cultivation, onion cultivation in rainy season, pulse cultivation, seed production, commercial vegetable production, etc. We also trained the participants about the use and benefit of Seed Bin, Drum Seeder and Cono Weeder.

Bolpur Manab Jamin also provides clinical advice to the farmers for betterment of their agricultural products. The farmers get better yield and also eager to continue these technologies in their field for better cultivation.

Training on Potato Cultivation

Potato plays a very significant role in the agricultural economy. It is economically significant not only for its contribution to the livelihood of thousands of farmers and for its dominance in the agricultural consumption basket of the households but also for its growing linkages to fast growing potato processing industry.

Therefore BMJ planned to train the farmers on potato production. Thus a training to the farmers of BMJ Project area on potato cultivation and its package of practice where 68 farmers participated was organised. As a key speaker Sri Srikanta Mondal, Project Incharge gave more emphasis to some of the most serious constraints, such as inadequate supply of storage material, lack of marketing facilities and less support price. Necessary action should be taken to strengthen the supply services at villages to make available the inputs like seeds, fertilizer, insecticides, pesticides, agricultural implements. The credit facilities to growers at right time may facilitate to adopt more technologies by the potato growers.

Turmeric & Ginger demonstration

Turmeric is a spice which is used widely in Indian kitchen, useful in Hindu rituals and having rich medicinal values. This year, with the technical support of Bolpur Manab Jamin, 5 farmers of 3 project villages cultivated turmeric in a commercial basis and able to get good production. Besides the home consumption, the extra produce of the farmers are being able to sell as turmeric powder and thus the opportunity encouraged the other farmers to purchase the seeds from them.

Nutritional & Herbal Garden

Nutritional Garden is one of the programme of Bolpur Manab Jamin. The main aim of this programme is to propagate the home stead garden which would be source of nutritional supply and herbal plants of the family. This year, Bolpur Manab Jamin had selected different mothers from different villages. We have demonstrated 48 nos. of nutritional & herbal garden in 7 villages. They are using the herbal plant for their primary treatment and giving to neighbors for the same. The mothers exchange their seed of nutritional garden.

SRI & Drum Seeder demonstration in Paddy

The System of Rice Intensification (SRI) is a methodology aimed at increasing the yield of rice produced in farming. SRI makes large savings on seeds and water requirements, and reacts better to organic manure than to inorganic fertilizers. The significance of the method gives such striking results that it has become difficult for scientists to disregard it.

Following the trail this year Bolpur Manab Jamin has done SRI method of cultivation in Khariff season among 5 farmers of 2 villages. The inspiring result encouraged the farmers to adopt and continue the technology in Rabi Season.

This year BMJ also helped the 2 farmers from 1 village by using the technology of Drum Seeder which is used for direct row sowing of paddy seeds eliminating the need for re-plantation and thus reducing labour cost in impressive method. Seed sowing is very uniform which results in very easy care of growing plants. It covers 6 rows of about 25 cm row to row spacing in a single run. The seeder can be easily assembled for use and equally easily disassembled for cleaning, maintenance and storage.

Agricultural Fair

Agricultural fair is a public event exhibiting the equipment, different technology, new & old varieties of seeds associated with agriculture and animal husbandry. The work and practices of farmers, research scholars are displayed. This agricultural fair is conducted at Bolpur under Bolpur Subdivision by Agriculture Department, Govt. of West Bengal.

This year Bolpur Manab Jamin participated in this agricultural fair from 8th to 10th January 2016 where we sold Bori made of Lentil amounting to Rs. 10590.00. Different types of booklets related to agriculture also have been distributed. Handicraft product made by SHG were also sold in the Fair.

Survey on Risk Preferences and Risk attitudes of Farmers

Bolpur Manab Jamin with the support of Macquarie University and Institute of Economic Growth conducted survey at Nalhati-II and Rajnagar Blocks of Birbhum District. Around 300 families covered under this survey. The main aim of the survey was: *Risk preferences and risk attitudes of farmers for taking up either new farm or non-farm activities in drought affected regions of West Bengal, India.*

Life is full of risks and uncertainties. No one knows about the future outcome of our decisions. When a farmer starts sowing at the start of the monsoon, he/she do not know whether the yields will be good or bad in that season. This keeps them expecting for better yields and also worrying about the bad yields. The risk associated with our decision to sow is the realization of poor yields if rain fails. Similarly, at time of harvesting they do not know the exact price of the output. They expect a good price and worry about the prices falling low. The risk associated here is the realization of prices that are too low.

With the help of Dr Ram Ranjan, Senior lecturer, Macquarie University, Dr. Thiagu Ranganathan, Assistant Professor, Institute of Economic Growth and Kanchan Joshi, Macquarie University who are engaged with this Research Work tried to find out how each one of the participants deals with these uncertainties and make risky choices. Everyone will deal with it differently and there is no right way or wrong way in dealing with it. It is just their own way and that is to understand through this research using experiments.

Nutrition Programme

Bolpur Manab Jamin with the technical and financial support of Shining Eyes e. V.; Rotary Club of Weisbaden; Rotary Club of Bolpur-Santiniketan have introduced Nutrition Program in 14 villages (8 villages under Raipur-Supur GP and 6 villages under Ruppur GP) for all children aged 6-36 months, all pregnant women and all lactating women until 6 months after delivery.

In our 14 nutrition centres we are providing sufficient nutrients to pregnant and lactating women and to all children in the village aged 6-36 months under ST community.

We have given training to the supervisor and village cooks under selected under the programme to prepare cooked meal which has been designed to fill the nutrient gap of currently applied local recipes on three days a week. Among the 14 villages the children and pregnant/lactating women of 4 villages are receiving a micronutrient powder called

“TopNutri” which contains important vitamins, minerals and protein; 5 villages are getting a powder from Sajne Pata (Moringa leaves) mixed with Lal Sak (Amaranthas Tricolored) in order to fill the micronutrient gap of local family diets and 5 villages are given only plain cooked meals.

Before commencement of the nutrition program, Bolpur Manab Jamin with the technical support of St. Mary’s Mother and Child Care Hospital, Paruldanga have done medical checkups in all the villages. We have assessed the age, weight, length, MUAC and Hb of 380 children and 120 pregnant/lactating women and also of the mothers of the concerned children. Every month BMJ members are making home visit to all families with children in the nutrition programme. The results are being documented and analyzed.

Village Health Checkup Camp

With the help and technical support of Dr. Monika Golembiewski member of Shining Eyes e. V. and a team of doctors we are looking after the health development of the children and their mothers. The vitamin, Iron tablets, folic acid tablets are provided by the Health Care centre for the health development of the children and protect mothers from anemia. This is very important for the healthy development of the child and prevention of anemia.

In a time period of every 3 months St. Mary’s Child and Mother Care Centre, Paruldanga. team of Doctors from Germany and India goes to the remote villages with several instrument and gadget such as weight, height, MUAC, Hb measurements for spot checking up of the children and mothers of the respective village. The programme covers 380 children and 120 pregnant/lactating women in 21 tribal villages of Bolpur-Sriniketan Block.

Distribution of free medicine is done if and when required by the villagers. After the check up, if required or in a case of emergency the representatives of the Health Care Centre sends the patient to Hospital with the help of their Ambulance. If needed they also refer them to outstation Hospitals of Suri, Durgapur, Burdwan, Kolkata where the patients get subsidized rate for their treatment.

Special Awareness programme for Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe Unorganised Labour under Central Board for Workers Education, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India

Special programme for Scheduled Tribe and Scheduled Caste had been organised with the support of Central Board for Worker’s Education, Asansol Regional Office at different villages of Bolpur-Sriniketan Block. The objectives of this programme was to make a bridge between the under privilege section of the community and Government offices.

Assistant Labour Commissioner of Bolpur Regional Office, Minimum Wages Inspector, Bolpur-Sriniketan Block and Illambazar Block; Industrial Development Officer and Inspector BCW spoke on different schemes; there had also been discussion on the availability and accessibility of different Schemes and programme for unorganized sector labour. The programme covered 298 ST and SC community people of 9 villages.

Quality of Life Training for Unorganized Sector Labour under Central Board for Workers Education, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India

The term Quality of Life is used to evaluate the general well-being of individuals and societies in a wide range of contexts, including the fields of development, healthcare, policies and schemes. Quality of life should not be confused with the concept of standard of living, which is based primarily on income. Instead, standard of livelihood include not only wealth and employment, but also the environment, physical and mental health, education, recreation and leisure time, and social belonging.

For that reason, 1 training on Quality of Life were organized for couples of unorganized sector labour with the help of Central Board for Workers Education Centre, Asansol Regional Office at the Campus Office. There were 19 couples to participate in the trainings. Every participant got a stipend at the end of the session.

National Child Labour Programme School

Child labour cannot be totally eradicated unless it is supplemented by comprehensive socio-economic programmes and educational uplift of the under privileged sections of the society and by a change in the attitude of the society towards child labour. In short, the general improvement in socio-economic conditions of people will result in gradual elimination of child labour.

Bolpur Manab Jamin is running smoothly the NCLP Special School at Hansra (Illambazar) under National Child Labour Programme of Birbhum. The objective of the programme is kept in focus to combat child labour as well as to rehabilitate them in different trade which would make his/her world better.

The children 9 to 14 years especially used to become child labour working in brick field or as a maid servant or working in a tea stall are the pupil of this special school. Each student is getting regular mid-day meal and the allotted stipend of Rs.150 per month. Lessons on vocational training also given to them along with the regular course of study.

This year we also observed the Day Against Child Labour 2015 through meeting with the guardians of the child labour, few shop owners and villagers. The children along with the teachers and BMJ staff members arranged a rally for combating child labour.

Consumer Awareness Campaign on Consumer Rights

Bolpur Manab Jamin collaboratively with Dept. of Consumer Affairs & Fair Business Practices, Govt. of West Bengal organise several awareness camps in the District of Birbhum.

As per our proposal to CA&FBP, Birbhum Regional Office, Suri we organized 4 Consumer Awareness Programme at Kantabagan & Senkapur under Raipur Supur GP and Ramlakhandanga & Ruppur Konrapara village under Ruppur GP.

At Raipur Supur GP 84 participants partake in the said programme where Mr. Shahin Khandekar, Consumer Welfare Officer was the key speaker of the programme and gave a detailed speech on consumer rights and its protection. The participants were cherished by the magic show on different Consumer Affairs and was highly appreciated.

At Ruppur GP 87 participants partake in the said programme where Mr. Dipankar Gayen, Consumer Welfare Officer was the key speaker of the programme and gave a detailed speech on consumer rights and its protection.

Poush Mela as platform for Consumer Awareness Campaign

Poush Mela (Fair) is one of the important festivals in the district of Birbhum of West Bengal. The festival is celebrated at Santiniketan in Birbhum with great splendor and magnificence and its diversity spreads worldwide. More than 3200 stalls are organised in this gigantic fair by State Govt., Central Govt., Banks, Industries, Post Office, Private Sectors, Non Government Organizations and individuals.

Bolpur Manab Jamin took the opportunity to organize stall for Consumer Awareness at Poush Mela from 24th to 27th December 2015 so that they can get in touch with more and more consumers.

The stall was inaugurated by Dr. Ashutosh Sarkar, Regional Coordinator & Food Legume Breeder; ICARDA South Asia & China Regional Program and he expressed the effectiveness of The Stall in the fair. Sri Ramaprasad Mukherjee, Assistant Director, CA&FBP, Birbhum R.O., Suri elaborate the value of money of rural consumers specially neglected ST, SC and economically weaker section people and role of NGO workers in the field of extension of this above mentioned subject in the inauguration session.

Sri Bikash Roy Choudhury, Sabhadipati, Birbhum Zila Parishad spent few times with us in the stall. Visit of Sri Monirul Islam, MLA, Labpur, Sri Gadadhar Hazra, MLA Nanoor, Sri Asit Kumar Mal, MLA Hasan at the stall of CA&FBP enriched us.

Projection of Cartoon Documentary Films regarding different examples of buying day to day commodities from market was shown constantly. The stall was decorated attractively with posters, banners and flex keeping in mind the requirement of the consumers. All the dignitaries watched the documentation film on Food Adulteration attentively.

The Awareness Camp Stall got in touch with thousands of consumers who are unaware of their Rights. They moreover learnt the signs, symbols and the procedures of checking things before buying. Moreover lot of deceived consumers visited the stall for taking suggestions for proper justice. The consumers were very happy which is clearly visible through their remarks stated in the register.

Special Awareness Camp on Consumer Right through Audio Visual system

Bolpur Manab Jamin crossed a few years to aware the consumers about their rights with the help of Consumer affairs and fair business practice, Birbhum Regional Office, Suri, Birbhum. In consequence of vast experience in the said

field it is observed that awareness camp based on Audio Visual has produced more interactive and effective for the village level participants.

Keeping this idea on mind we have conducted 9 Special Awareness Camp at 9 different villages (Patharghata, Kantabagan, Usurdihi, Ramlakhandanga, Paruldanga, Dakhin Harirampur, Hansra, Kankalitala and Supur) where more than 1000 people visited. Through Audio Visual system cartoon film and PowerPoint presentation on consumer rights and its protection were shown.

Staffs of Bolpur Manab Jamin installed the projector, laptop, sound system and screen in public places where the villagers usually gather like local market place, near local club house etc. in the evening time for quick access of the people. This programme is very new and effective for the villagers. As the community people need more of such kind of awareness camps Bolpur Manab Jamin is planning for more programmes in the near future with the help of CA&FBP Regional Office, Birbhum.

Observance of National Consumer Day

As we know every year 24th December is observed as National Consumers' Rights Day. This year we organized the day on 6th January 2016, Wednesday in lieu of 24th December'15 due to some unexpected circumstances with the support of CA&FBP, Birbhum Regional Office, Suri. The day was observed through a daylong workshop on the theme 'Food Adulteration' at Manab Jamin Campus, Mirzapur where more than 100 participants participated.

Dr. Bholanath Mondal, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Plant Protection, Palli-Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) Visva-Bharati; Sri Ramaprasad Mukherjee, Assistant Director of CA&FBP, Birbhum Regional Office and Sri Srikanta Mondal, Project In-charge Bolpur Manab Jamin spoke on 'Food Adulteration' and about the importance of the day. A documentary film was also shown at the end of the seminar.

Awareness Programme on activities of Non Banking Financial Companies

On 8th August, 2015 we assisted to organise an awareness programme on Activities of Non Banking Financial Companies. On that programme CA&FBP, Birbhum R.O., Suri and Reserve Bank of India, Kolkata enlighten different sector of people regarding the ambiguous practice of Non Banking Financial Companies.

The daylong workshop was held Santidev Kaksha, Gitanjali Auditorium where Sri Bikash Roy Chowdhury, Sabhadipati, Birbhum Zilla Parishad. Sri Chandranath Sinha, Minister of Fisheries, Govt. of West Bengal was the Chief Guest of the awareness programme.

Sri Ramaprasad Mukherjee, Assistant Director, CA&FBP, Birbhum R.O., Suri, Sri Ashis Majumdar, Sri N. C. Panda from Reserve Bank of India, Kolkata; Sri Ramjyoti Goswami, Lead Bank Manager, UCO Bank, Suri; Sri Haradhan Saha, District Small Savings Officer, Suri; Sri Ujjawal Kumar Mondal, Dy. Magistrate, Bolpur Subdivision; Sri Ujjawal Badsah, BDO Illambazar, Sri Naba Kumar Dhipar, Sabhapati, Illabazar Panchayat Samiti; Dr. Thiagu Ranganathan, Dr. Brajesh Jha, Dr. Ram Ranjan from Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi; were present to enrich the programme.

To make the awareness programme more interesting a team of Baul Sangit was provided by District Cultural Officer, Suri. The Baul singer Manik Das and his group composed song on the theme of the awareness programme and sang it in the programme which was very much cherished by all the Guests and participants.

Education Support Programme: For Immaculate Tomorrow

"All of us do not have equal talent. But, all of us have an equal opportunity to develop our talents."

~ A.P.J Abdul Kalam

Textbook Support service is committed to rural students, of SC, ST and economically weaker sections to become effective users of ideas and information by providing them the text books which enlighten their vision. Bolpur Manab Jamin is committed fundamentally to improve the education level of these economically weaker students who are meritorious and have strong desire of learning.

This year also textbooks are given to meritorious and economically weaker students. This year 55 students studying at Class XI and XII got the support.

Among these 55 students;

35 students were supported by **Late Sunanda Mukhopadhyay**

2 students were supported by **Late Shila Rani Roy Chowdhury**

2 students were supported by **Smt. Sraboni Biswas & Sri Sushil Biswas**

2 students were supported by **Late Renuka Mondal** and

19 students were supported from **BMJ General Fund**

Farmers Club

As agriculture is one of the important sources of our National Income and the farmers are the dominators in this sector it is very important to generate a collective effort to strengthen their position. The Farmers' Club program is one of the major institutional development initiatives of NABARD aiming at strengthening the grass root level Rural Financial Institutions.

Taking this on account Bolpur Manab Jamin approached NABARD to get support for promoting Farmers' Club. Till date Bolpur Manab Jamin is nurturing 16 Farmers' Clubs in 16 villages within the project area with the support of NABARD.

The major roles of Farmers' Club are:-

- To meet at regular intervals to discover / identify the Credit and Non Credit needs of the farmers and fellow villagers.
- Socio Economic development of the villages.
- To assist the Bank in preparing Credit plans, Deposit mobilization, Recovery etc.
- To motivate the villagers for proper use of credit and proper mode of repayment.
- Bringing about attitudinal changes among the borrowers for their own benefit.
- Capital formation by increasing production & productivity.
- To motivate the villagers to save additional income.
- To promote people participation in the process of development.

The members of Farmers' Club are also involved simultaneously to implement different Govt. Scheme on Agriculture and allied sectors. They are engaged in practicing different agricultural techniques and using new indigenous crops and thus creating rural development.

Awareness camps on Legal Aid Services

Legal Aid implies giving free legal services to the poor and needy who cannot afford the services of a lawyer for the conduct of a case or a legal proceeding in any court, tribunal or before an authority.

This year 2 nos. of awareness camps were held on Legal Aid Services at Mirzapur and Supur village which are being provided for the legal relief and to give easy access to the backward sections of our society. Mr. Sidhartha Roy Chowdhury, Additional District Judge, First Track Sub Divisional Judge of Bolpur Court, Anand Chattopadhyay, Judge, Suri Court and Sanghamitra Podder, Judge, Bolpur Court delivered their valuable speech in the context. "*Otho Go Bharata Lakhi*" – a documentary film on Woman Rights was also shown in the training.

TEAM MEMBER	
Balika Marddi	Pradip Kumar Kar
Debashis Mitra	Rakhi Sarkar
Helaram Das	Saunak Kar
Koushik Chandra	Srikanta Mondal
Monoyara Begum	Supriya Mondal
Paban Murmu	Tarulata Mete

Details of Working Committee Members of Bolpur Manab Jamin (for 2016-19)

Sl. No.	Name & Address	Designation	Occupation
1.	Pijush Mukhopadyay South Jambuni; P.O.: Bolpur; Dist.: Birbhum; PIN : 731204	President	Retired Principal
2.	Dr. Madhushree Ghosh 4/25 Fern Road Kolkata : 700019	Vice President	Retired Professor
3.	Supriya Mondal South Jambuni; P.O.: Bolpur; Dist.: Birbhum; PIN : 731204	Secretary	Teacher
4.	Debashis Mitra Kankutia, P.O.: Raipur; Dist.: Birbhum; PIN : 731204	Asst. Secretary	Social Service
5.	Saunak Kar Natunpally, Rabindra Sarani 2 nd lane; P.O.: Bolpur; Dist.: Birbhum; PIN:731204	Treasurer	Social Service
6.	Santosh Paul Trishulapatty, P.O. : Bolpur; Dist.: Birbhum; PIN : 731204	Member	Service
7.	Srikanta Mondal South Jambuni , P.O.: Bolpur; Dist.: Birbhum, PIN : 731204	Member	Farmer

CONCLUSION

Annual Report enables an organisation to communicate its vision, its strategic objectives and the strategy that it will implement through its developmental works. Its performance is based on the result of these strategies, the mitigation of risks, the exploration of opportunities and governance structures that lay the foundation of its future outlook. This Annual Report is based on the transparency, accountability and ethics of Bolpur Manab Jamin.

This report shows the continued progress made by Bolpur Manab Jamin (BMJ) and states in building a quality relationship between Foreign Donor Agencies, Govt. Agencies and Individuals. BMJ in its project area is gaining momentum to accelerate improvements in sustaining agriculture, education, children's & mother's health care, right based approaches and other social development

As a grass root level organization we always think of people centered efforts which are both innovative and experimental. Creating awareness and giving emphasis on the needs of beneficiaries are our utmost thinking.

We had set different plan which are ambitious development goals and defines how BMJ can best contribute to fight the poverty. It focuses on empowering people, income generation, combating malnutrition so that they can participate in the decisions that affect them positively and search for new opportunities.

*Your generosity will make a difference in our community by allowing us to continue our work.
Remember that every donation makes a difference, regardless of size.*

BANK DETAILS BOLPUR MANAB JAMIN:

For Indian Contribution

Bank: UCO Bank,

Branch: Raipur Branch

SB A/c No.: 17100110006832

Branch Code: 1710

IFSC: UCBA0001710

For Foreign Contribution

Bank: Oriental Bank of Commerce

Branch: Bolpur Branch

SB A/c No.: 18402191003478

Branch Code: 1840

IFSC: ORBC0101840